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Security Council

10:00	Consultations of the whole (closed) Middle East (Syria) Other matters	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

15:00 to 18:00	37th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

There will be a briefing on Monday, 22 April 2013, at 15:00, in the General Assembly Hall, by the Special Envoys of Indonesia, Liberia and the United Kingdom, on the outcome of the Bali meeting held by the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons to advise the Secretary-General on the post-2015 development goals. Member States are invited to attend *at the ambassadorial level.*

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Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 24 April 2013, in the Security Council Chamber Room GA-TSC-01, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406), *no earlier than 19 April 2013*. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

Announcement

The *Journal* for the tenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (Istanbul, 8–19 April 2013) is available, in English and French, on the website of the Forum at www.un.org/esa/forests/.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
2013 substantive session

Committee of the Whole

10:00 to 13:00	334th meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Plenary

15:00 to 18:00	335th meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Second session

10:00 to 13:00	5th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

Moderated interactive exchange of views on poverty eradication

Moderator:
Ms. Eva Jespersen, Deputy Director of the Human Development Report Office, United Nations Development Programme

15:00 to 18:00 — 6th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

Continuation and conclusion of the moderated interactive exchange of views on poverty eradication

Stock-taking by the Open Working Group of its second meeting

Summary of the discussions

Other organizational matters

Concluding remarks by the Co-Chairs

[For further information, including the draft programme of work, please *click here*.]

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group V (Insolvency law)
Forty-third session

11:30 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 2 (NLB)

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10 (NLB)

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Executive meeting

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on Public Administration
Twelfth session

10:00 to 13:00 — 8th meeting (closed) — Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

1. Review of the draft report and resolution
2. Review of the draft report
3. Discussion on the draft report and resolution
4. Agenda for the thirteenth session of the Committee of Experts [item 5]

15:00 to 18:00 — 9th meeting (closed) — Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Adoption of the report

Conclusion of the session

[For further information and to access the official documents of the session, please *click here*.]

[The session will be PaperSmart. The official documentation of the Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal. Delegations, experts and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access the Portal. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).]

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Population and Development
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft proposals of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Eduardo Jose Atienza De Vega (Philippines), on behalf of the Chair, will be held *today*, 19 April 2013, from *11:00* to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (NLB); and on Monday, 22 April, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Other meetings

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Friday, 19 April 2013

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Population and Development)

09:00 to 11:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7 (NLB)
13:30 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Consultations with the *Asia-Pacific Group* (on the 2013 report of the Secretary-General on the responsibility to protect) (co-organized by the Chairs of the regional groups, the Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect and the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect)

15:00 to *16:30*	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement (informal meeting with members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34) on the draft decision on the working methods of the Special Committee, proposed by the Non-Aligned Movement)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D (CB)

Other activities

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Briefing on "The Global Thematic Consultation on Environmental Sustainability in the post-2015 development agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica and France, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), as Co-leads of the Global Thematic Consultation on Environmental Sustainability)

From 13:15 to 14:45, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Zehra Aydin, UNEP (e-mail aydin@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8811).]

Informal briefing on "United Nations report on military expenditures: New online reporting form" (organized by the Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hideki Matsuno, ODA (e-mail matsuno@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4037).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 19 April 2013

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest:* Mr. John Ging, Director of the Coordination and Response Division, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)]

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 22 April 2013

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

Interactive dialogue on Harmony with Nature[1]

Opening

10:00 Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Panel discussion

10:30 Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Discussions on different economic approaches, to further a more ethical basis for the relationship between humanity and the Earth

Moderator:
Mr. Andrew C. Revkin, Environmental Journalist, *The New York Times*, and Senior Fellow at Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies, Pace University, New York

Interactive exchange

11:30 Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Closing

12:45 Conference Room 3 (NLB)

[1]Letters from the Office of the President of the General Assembly, dated 14 March and 12 April 2013, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. To consult the updated programme for the interactive dialogue please *click here*.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

Announcements

The agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/251 (see document A/67/252* for the allocation of items). Annotations can be found in document A/67/100 and A/67/100/Add.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-seventh session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9, 11, 13 to 15, 20 (a) and (h), 30, 31, 33 to 37, 39, 40, 42 to 48, 54, 56, 60, 63 (a) and (b), 70 (a) to (c), 74, 94 (b), 106, 107, 110 (a) and (b), 111 (f) and (h), 112, 113, 115 to 117, 118 (a) and (b), 119, 120, 121 (a), (b), (g), (i), (p), (q), (r), (s) and (v), 122, 124 to 126, 128 (a) to (r), 129 to 157, 158 (a) and (b), and 159 to 164.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–16 September 2013). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (room S-3082). A tentative schedule of General Assembly meetings is also available at the following address: www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/67schedule.shtml.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects
Fourth meeting

The fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be held from Monday, 22, to Friday, 26 April 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

The provisional agenda and the annotated provisional agenda, including the proposed organization of work and the format of the meeting, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting to the Division by *today*, 19 April 2013 (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (212) 963-5847).

Furthermore, delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the Division (tel. 1 (917) 367-2255 or 367-0714).

Committee on Information
Thirty-fifth session

The Committee on Information will hold its thirty-fifth session from Monday, 22 April, to Thursday, 2 May 2013. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 22 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/AC.198/2013/1. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate are kindly requested to notify Mr. Hasan Ferdous (e-mail ferdous@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6555; room S-0939).

For further information on the relevant documentation, including previous reports of the Committee, please *click here*.

Committee on Conferences
Organizational session for 2013

The organizational session for 2013 of the Committee on Conferences will be held on Monday, 29 April 2013, at 15:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB), to elect the Bureau for 2013 and to adopt the annotated provisional agenda, contained in document A/AC.172/2013/L.1. For all relevant documents of the Committee please *click here*.

In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers in the organizational session are invited to send a request in writing to Ms. Liya Zhang, Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (e-mail zhangl@un.org).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 261st meeting (closed) of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Tuesday, 30 April 2013, at 11:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations of Member States and observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org; room M-13052; fax 1 (212) 963-6430). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations of Member States are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-third session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-third session at Headquarters from Monday, 3, to Friday, 21 June 2013.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly, *no later than Friday, 17 May 2013*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Informal consultation

The Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women will hold an informal consultation on the progress made on the strategic plan, on Wednesday, 24 April 2013, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room D (CB).

Economic and Social Council

Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will take place on Monday, 22 April 2013, from 09:30 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will start at 09:30 with a special ceremony to inaugurate the renovated Economic and Social Council Chamber. The special ceremony and the high-level meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia). The Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, will address the ceremony.

The overall theme of the meeting will be "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for development and the post-2015 development agenda". There will be a high-level interactive panel discussion in the morning on *theme 1*, "World economic situation and prospects in the wake of the world financial and economic crisis", which will begin with *five to seven minute-long* interventions by the Ministers of Finance and Development Cooperation and Governors of Central Banks, followed by the interactive discussion, during which the time limit per intervention will be *two minutes*. The interactive discussion will conclude with statements by the heads of the relevant intergovernmental bodies and senior officials of the major institutional stakeholders.

There will be two consecutive interactive thematic debates of the whole in the afternoon, as follows:

Thematic debate on *theme 2*: "Financing for sustainable development, including leveraging of private capital, in the context of the follow-up to the outcome of the Rio+20 Conference" (from 15:00 to 16:30); and

Thematic debate on *theme 3*: "Global partnership for development in the context of the post-2015 development agenda (from 16:30 to 17:50).

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room S-1284)), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (Ms. Anna Alfonso (e-mail alfonso@un.org; room DC2-2162)).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the two thematic debates, will be a free-flowing interactive discussion and would therefore have *no list of speakers in advance*. The time limit per intervention will be *two minutes*.

For more information, please contact Mr. Daniel Platz (e-mail platz@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3664); or *click here*.

Special meeting on "External debt sustainability and development: Lessons learned from debt crises and ongoing work on sovereign debt restructuring and debt resolution mechanisms"

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/198 (A/RES/67/198), the President of the Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia), will convene a one-day meeting of the Council on "External debt sustainability and development" to consider lessons learned from the debt crises and the ongoing work on sovereign debt restructuring and debt resolution mechanisms. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 23 April 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Opening remarks will be made by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, to be followed by two consecutive interactive panel discussions on "Lessons learned from the history of debt crises" and "Ongoing work on sovereign debt restructuring and debt resolution mechanisms". In the afternoon, a keynote address will be delivered by Professor Joseph Stiglitz, Columbia University, recipient of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 2001, on "Gaps in legal and institutional structures for debt restructuring", to be followed an interactive panel discussion on "The architecture for debt restructuring". Closing remarks by the President of the Council will conclude the meeting.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room S-1291)), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (Ms. Jie Wei (e-mail weij@un.org; room DC2-2160D)).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the three panel discussions, will be held in the form of free-flowing and interactive dialogues and would therefore have *no list of speakers in advance*. The time limit for each intervention will be *three minutes*.

For more information please contact Ms. Benu Schneider (e-mail schneiderb@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5439); or *click here*.

Special policy dialogue on "The role of philanthropic organizations in the post-2015 setting"

On Tuesday, 23 April 2013, the Economic and Social Council will hold an informal special policy dialogue on "The role of philanthropic organizations in the post-2015 setting", in preparation for the biennial Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) during the 2014 substantive session of the Council. The special policy dialogue will take place from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room 3 (NLB), and will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia).

There will be three interactive panel discussions, moderated by Mr. Matthew Bishop, US Business Editor and Chief, New York Bureau of *The Economist*. The first panel discussion (10:15 to 11:30) will focus on the topic "Taking stock and leveraging experiences of philanthropic organizations to address global development challenges". The second panel (11:30 to 13:00) will explore "Innovations in philanthropy: How to scale them up and contribute to national development priorities?". The third panel discussion (15:00 to 17:15) will address the role of "Philanthropic organizations and development partnerships post-2015". Speakers will include senior representatives of leading private philanthropic organizations, think tanks and other stakeholders. For detailed background information, please *click here*.

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination (Ms. Doris Schmitz-Meiners (e-mail schmitz-meiners@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4946; or Mr. Thomas Boehler; e-mail boehler@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9452)).

Informal special event on "Partnering for innovative solutions for sustainable development"

A special event of the Economic and Social Council on "Partnering for innovative solutions for sustainable development" will be held on Wednesday, 24 April 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00. The meeting is organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Global Compact, the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and the Global Partnerships Forum.

The Partnerships Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia). The Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, and the Chair of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Dr. Mo Ibrahim, will deliver opening addresses. Following the opening, two consecutive policy dialogues will take place, which will be moderated by Mr. Ali Velshi, Host, Al Jazeera America. The first policy dialogue will focus on "Partnerships for sustainability" (from 10:30 to 11:45) and the second policy dialogue will focus on "The changing face of technology and innovation" (from 11:45 to 13:00). The Minister of Development Cooperation of Denmark, His Excellency Christian Friis Bach, will participate as a speaker in the first dialogue.

From 15:00 to 17:15, four "Partnerships Clinics" will be held in parallel, as follows:

Clinic 1: "Innovative partnerships to address research and treatments for neglected tropical diseases (NTDs)";

Clinic 2: "Mobiles for midwives: An innovative approach for better health information systems";

Clinic 3: "Innovation and technology: Development and dissemination of innovative design solutions to address extreme poverty"; and

Clinic 4: "Breaking barriers: Innovative partnerships creating exponential change in access to quality learning".

The closing session will feature addresses by Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs; and His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia), President of the Council.

All are invited to attend. For additional information on the event, please *click here*; or contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram (e-mail yogasundram@un.org). Please note that it will be possible to join the discussion on the day of the event on Twitter, using hashtag #InnovateYourFuture.

Resumed organizational session for 2013

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 25, and Friday, 26 April 2013. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2013/2/Add.1.

Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Radhika Ochalik (e-mail ochalik@un.org) and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mail syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups. A list of candidates for the election, as well as supporting documentation, can be consulted on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-sixth session

The forty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 22, to Friday, 26 April 2013. The opening meeting will be convened on Monday, 22 April, at 10:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2013/1 and E/CN.9/2013/L.1, respectively. For background information, please *click here*. The list of side events on the occasion of the session can be consulted by *clicking here*.

The session will be PaperSmart. The official documentation of the Commission will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal.

QR Code posters with the PaperSmart Portal link will be put up in the conference room to enable easy access to the Portal via QR Code scanners on devices.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who have indicated their participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: New trends in migration — demographic aspects), will be held from Monday, 22, to Wednesday, 24 April 2013. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the speakers list for agenda item 4 or other items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3505)). In accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the Commission, the suggested time limit for national statements is *seven minutes*, while that for statements on behalf of groups of States is *ten minutes*.

Once delegations and participants have inscribed on the list of speakers, they are requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org, as soon as available, and at least two hours in advance of their designated speaking slot. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the Portal.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-seventh session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-seventh session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-sixth session.

Committee for Programme and Coordination
Fifty-third session
Organizational session

The organizational session of the fifty-third session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held on Thursday, 25 April 2013, at 15:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB), for the purpose of electing its Bureau.

The Committee will also have before it the annotated provisional agenda for the session (E/AC.51/2013/1), the note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2013/L.1) and the note by the Secretariat on the list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2013/L.2).

Further information on the Committee for Programme and Coordination is available at www.un.org/en/ga/cpc/.

Members of the Committee wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail cpc@un.org; room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of the note verbale will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Committee and would like to participate as observers are also requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the secretariat well in advance of the scheduled organizational session.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Informal consultations

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services will hold informal consultations, as indicated below. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Tuesday, 30 April 2013, from 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB): on the UNDP country programme document for Egypt;

Tuesday, 21 May 2013, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB): on the UNDP evaluation of the strategic plan 2008-2013; and management response;

Friday, 24 May 2013, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB): on the UNDP evaluation of the annual report on evaluation and management response;

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Chamber (NLB): on the UNDP evaluation of the global programme and the management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Africa and the management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Arab States and the management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Asia and the Pacific States and management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States and the management response; and the evaluation of the regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean States and the management response; and

Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB): on the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to South-South and triangular cooperation (2008-2011) and management response.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (briefing by Qatar)

Monday, 22 April 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A (CB).

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Monday, 29 April 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 22 April 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)

Tuesday, 23 April 2013, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Friday, 26 April 2013, from 08:45 to 09:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Consultations with regional groups (on the 2013 report of the Secretary-General on the responsibility to protect) (co-organized by the Chairs of the regional groups, the Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect and the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect)

Tuesday, 23 April 2013, from 12:00 to 14:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB): with the Western European and Other States Group; and

Friday, 26 April 2013, from 10:45 to 13:00, in Conference Room A (CB): with the Eastern European Group.

Arab Group (at the expert level)

Thursday, 25 April 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Friday, 26 April 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room A (CB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR orientation course for new members of permanent missions on the work of the United Nations

Tuesday, 23 April 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A (CB); and

Wednesday, 24 April 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room A (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

Training for delegates from least developed countries on the use of the new Support Measures Portal for Least Developed Countries (www.un.org/ldcportal) (organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday 23 April 2013, from 13:00 to 15:00 in Conference Room S-2723 (Secretariat Building).

[All delegates from least developed countries invited to attend and kindly requested to bring their own laptop (if possible) to allow for interactive training activities. For further information, please contact Ms. Katherine McHenry, DESA (e-mail mchenry@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6430).]

Round table on "Strengthening partnerships and cooperation on international migration, mechanisms to effectively integrate migration into development policies, and promote coherence at all levels" (in preparation for the 2013 High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development) (co-organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of South Africa and Sweden)

Tuesday 23 April; 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Evelien Borgman, IOM (e-mail eborgman@iom.int); or *click here*.]

Launch of the *Economic Report on Africa 2013* (co-organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

Tuesday, 23 April 2013, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. François Charlier, OSAA (e-mail charlier@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0359).]

Experts meeting on "Rights in crisis" — Promoting human rights in financial regulation and macroeconomic policies" (organized by the Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Wednesday, 24 April 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7 (NLB); and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Nouhoum Sangare, OHCHR (e-mail sangaren@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6136).]

Briefing for Member States and Permanent Observers on "Activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)" (at the ambassadorial level) (organized by CTITF, Department of Political Affairs)

Friday, 26 April 2013, from *10:30 to 12:30*, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[For further information, please contact Ms. Mary Anne Cruz, CTITF (e-mail cruz14@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0541).]

UNITAR/OLA seminar on "Repression of piracy on the oceans and seas: An international legal framework" (co-organized by the UNITAR New York Office and the Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA))

Monday, 29 April 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room A (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

High-level event on "Human security" (organized by the Human Security Unit, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and co-sponsored by the Member States of the Human Security Network (Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Greece, Ireland, Jordan, Mali, Norway, Panama, Slovenia, Switzerland and Thailand, with South Africa as an observer) and the Permanent Missions of Honduras, Japan and Mexico)

Wednesday, 8 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Addresses will be made by the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General, and a panel discussion will be held on the implementation of human security. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Guyatri James, Human Security Unit (e-mail jamesg@un.org); or *click here*.]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held from Monday, 22 April, to Friday, 3 May 2013, in the General Assembly Hall, in the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

The list of speakers for the general debate is open. States parties wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee (Mr. Hong Tan, Office for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; Room S-3135; fax 1 (917) 367-1767)).

States parties are kindly requested to provide information, *in writing*, as soon as possible, indicating the composition of their delegations to the session. The information should be sent to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Valère Mantels, Office for Disarmament Affairs (Room S-3132, United Nations, New York, N.Y. 10017). To facilitate the preparation and early distribution of the list of participants, it is also kindly requested that the composition of the delegations be made available in electronic format (Microsoft Word or compatible format) by e-mail to Ms. Bertha Ortiz (ortiz1@un.org), as soon as possible.

Participants are requested to complete and send the registration form online (*click here*) or, alternatively, to complete the registration form annexed to the Information Note (annex I), which may be photocopied, and return it, as soon as possible to Ms. Junko Hirakawa, preferably by e-mail (hirakawa@un.org).

The session will be PaperSmart. The official documentation of the Second session will be available electronically either via the PaperSmart Portal or via the ODA related webpage.

There will be limited circulation of hard copies of documents. Delegations are requested to send electronic copies of their statements to papersmart3@un.org, at least two hours prior to their speaking slot. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart Portal upon delivery. The secretariat kindly requests delegations to provide *only 25 hard copies* of official statements for the technical services.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically. QR Code posters with the PaperSmart Portal link will be put up in the conference room to enable easy access to the Portal via QR Code scanners on devices.

Further information for participants, including the submission of pre-session documentation, is contained in the Information Note, and is also available on the website of the second session of the Preparatory Committee (*click here*).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142 (unless otherwise indicated), in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*); or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

News e-resources for the United Nations community (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 23 April 2013.

Introduction to United Nations documents

Wednesday, 24 April 2013 (from 10:00 to 12:00) (*in French*);

Wednesday, 8 May 2013 (from 14:00 to 16:00) (*in English*);

Wednesday, 15 May 2013 (from 14:00 to 16:00) (*in Spanish*); and

Tuesday, 28 May 2013 (from 10:00 to 12:00) (*in English*).

Overview of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library resources and databases (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 25 April 2013; and

Thursday, 9 May 2013.

Treaty research (from 14:30 to 16:30) (in room M-10004)

Friday, 26 April 2013; and

Tuesday, 21 May 2013.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 15:30 to 16:30) (in room M-10004)

Tuesday, 14 May 2013.

RSS feeds (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Friday, 17 May 2013.

Advanced research using subscription e-resources (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 21 May 2013

Security Council documentation (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 23 May 2013.

United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2013 Fellowship Programme is *Tuesday, 30 April 2013* (Note Verbale ODA/28-2013/FP dated 28 February 2013 refers). Nomination form and other attachments can be found at www.un.org/disarmament/fellowship/. Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Office for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, Room S-3159, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *Tuesday, 30 April 2013,* so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft word format *is required.* Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 67/40, paras. 6 and 7, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/03-2013/D&D dated 18 March 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/49, paras. 2 and 4, entitled "Information on confidence building measures in the field of conventional arms", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note Verbale ODA/24-2013/ICBM dated 18 March 2013 refers); and

Resolution 67/62, para. 3, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/23-2013/CAC dated 18 March 2013 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line through www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/Milex/, by *Tuesday, 30 April 2013* the information relevant to Resolution 66/20, paras. 2 and 10 (a) and (b), entitled "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/06-2013/OIMM dated 18 March 2013 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *Wednesday, 15 May 2013,* so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft word format *is required.* Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Charlotte Laut Hernandez (fmct@unog.ch).

Resolution 67/53, para. 2, entitled "Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/14-2013/FMCT dated 31 January 2013 refers).

2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, Bangkok, Thailand

Applications for the 2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 November 2013, are now being accepted from candidates from Member States of the United Nations which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States (and from Kiribati). The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 30 April 2013.*

The Regional Course will be conducted in English. For further information, including applications forms, please consult the Regional Course website at the following address: www.un.org/law/rcil/asia; or contact the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2013:

Second Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (28 May 2013), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (*click here* for general information);

Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (30 May 2013), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here* for general information); and

Twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination will meet (3 June 2013), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before the meeting*.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; room S-1308)). For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 17 April 2013

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Second session

1st meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

The Co-Chair, His Excellency Macharia Kamau (Kenya), opened the second session and made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs introduced the issues note prepared by the United Nations Technical Support Team on conceptual issues.

Statements were made by the representatives of Fiji (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Benin (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), the European Union, the United Republic of Tanzania, Nicaragua (also on behalf of Brazil), Indonesia (also on behalf of China and Kazakhstan), Colombia (also on behalf of Guatemala), Viet Nam (also on behalf of Bhutan and Thailand), Egypt, Italy (also on behalf of Spain and Turkey), Zambia (also on behalf of Zimbabwe), Singapore (also on behalf of Cyprus and the United Arab Emirates), Papua New Guinea (also on behalf of Nauru and Palau), Nigeria (on behalf of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)), Bulgaria (also on behalf of Croatia), Switzerland (also on behalf of France and Germany), Romania (also on behalf of Poland), the United States (also on behalf of Canada and Israel), Norway (also on behalf of Denmark and Ireland), Japan (also on behalf of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Nepal) and Peru (also on behalf of Mexico).

A statement was also made by the observer of the Holy See.

A statement was made by the representative of the major group of business and industry.

2nd meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (also on behalf of Argentina and Ecuador), Australia (also on behalf of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom), Belarus (also on behalf of Serbia), Slovenia (also on behalf of Montenegro), Pakistan (also on behalf of India and Sri Lanka), Tunisia, the Republic of Korea, Bangladesh and Morocco.

Panel discussion

The Open Working Group held a panel discussion on conceptualizing the sustainable development goals and the sustainable development goal process, moderated by the Co-Chair (Hungary).

Presentations were made by Ms. Claire Melamed, Head of the Growth and Equity Unit, Overseas Development Institute, and Professor Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Professor of International Affairs, The New School.

The Open Working Group held an interactive exchange of views with the panellists, in which statements were made by the delegations of India, the United Republic of Tanzania, Canada, Benin, Colombia, New Zealand, Egypt, Bangladesh, Japan, Brazil, Norway, Croatia, South Africa and Morocco, as well as by the observer of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance.

Thursday, 18 April 2013

Security Council

6949th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and Turkey, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Valerie Amos, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Emergency Relief Coordinator; Mr. António Guterres, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; Ms. Zainab Bangura, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict; and Ms. Leila Zerrougui, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Ms. Amos, Mr. Guterres (via video-teleconference from Geneva), Ms. Bangura and Ms. Zerrougui.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon and Turkey.

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Second session

3rd meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Uruguay, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia, South Africa, Cuba, New Zealand, Costa Rica, the Republic of Moldova, Bhutan, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Paraguay and Nigeria, as well as by the delegations of the following major groups: non-governmental organizations, women, and children and youth.

Interactive exchange of views

The Open Working Group concluded its interactive exchange of views on conceptualizing the sustainable development goals and the sustainable development goal process, moderated by Mr. Marc Levy, Deputy Director, Center for International Earth Science Information Network, Columbia University, in which statements were made by the delegations of Brazil, Benin, Colombia, the United Kingdom, Egypt, Sri Lanka, the United Republic of Tanzania, Italy, the United States, China, Costa Rica, Morocco, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Tunisia.

Organization of work

The Co-Chair (Kenya) made a statement.

4th meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

A keynote address on poverty eradication was made by Professor Abhijit Banerjee, International Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Olaf Kjørven, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Development Programme, introduced the issues note prepared by the United Nations Technical Support Team on poverty eradication.

Panel discussion

Presentations were made by Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Director-General, Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, and Professor Sabina Alkire, Director, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative.

The Open Working Group then held an interactive exchange of views on poverty eradication, moderated by Ms. Eva Jespersen, Deputy Director of the Human Development Report Office, United Nations Development Programme, in which comments were made and questions raised by the delegations of Mexico, the United Republic of Tanzania, Colombia, India, Fiji, Bangladesh, Benin, Switzerland, Japan, Peru, Pakistan, Nepal, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Argentina, Costa Rica, Zimbabwe and Palau.

The keynote speakers and panellists responded to the questions raised.

The moderator made some concluding remarks.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Wednesday, 17 April 2013

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests
Tenth session
Istanbul, Turkey

Parallel Working Groups

8th meeting

Working Group I

Assessment of progress made on the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and towards the achievement of the four global objectives on forests [item 3]

Regional and subregional inputs [item 4]

Forests and economic development [item 5]

(a) Forest products and services

(b) National forest programmes and other sectoral policies and strategies

(c) Reducing risks and impacts of disasters

(d) Benefits of forests and trees to urban communities

Enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination, including the provision of further guidance to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests [item 8]

Continuation of the second reading

Following a statement by the Co-Chair (Zambia), statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Co-Chair suspended the meeting.

The Co-Chair (Zambia) resumed the meeting.

The Working Group continued its second reading of its draft resolution and heard statements by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), New Zealand, the United States, Japan, Turkey and Switzerland.

The Co-Chair suspended the meeting.

The Co-Chair (Zambia) resumed the meeting.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), New Zealand, Switzerland, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Turkey.

The Co-Chair suspended the meeting.

The Co-Chair (Israel) resumed the meeting.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States, Switzerland, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), New Zealand and Turkey.

The Co-Chair suspended the meeting.

The Co-Chair (Israel) resumed the meeting.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Turkey, Switzerland and New Zealand.

Statements of clarifications were provided by the representative of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Co-Chair (Israel), in the course of which she announced the appointment of the representative of Switzerland as facilitator of a new Contact Group on a number of specific preambular and operative paragraphs of the draft resolution of Working Group 1.

8th meeting

Working Group 2

Emerging issues [item 6]

Means of implementation for sustainable forest management [item 9]

Forum Trust Fund [item 10]

A statement was made by the representative of New Zealand (also on behalf of South Africa) as co-facilitator of the Contact Group on the text relating to the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing.

Second reading

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Mexico, the United States, the European Union, Ghana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, Japan, Morocco and Turkey.

A statement of clarification was made by the representative of the United Nations Forum on Forest Secretariat.

The Co-Chair (Croatia) suspended the meeting.

The Co-Chair (Malaysia) resumed the meeting.

A statement was made by the representative of New Zealand (also on behalf of South Africa) as co-facilitator of the Contact Group on the text relating to the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing.

Statements were made by the United States, Switzerland, Japan, Ghana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union, Guatemala, Cuba, Canada, Norway, Morocco and Saudi Arabia.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Co-Chair (Malaysia)

Statements on the methods of work of the Working Group were made by the representatives of the United States, Ghana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and New Zealand.

A statement was also made by the Secretary.

Thursday, 18 April 2013

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests
Tenth session

Working Groups

9th meeting

Working Group 1

Assessment of progress made on the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and towards the achievement of the four global objectives on forests [item 3]

Regional and subregional inputs [item 4]

Forests and economic development [item 5]

(a) Forest products and services

(b) National forest programmes and other sectoral policies and strategies

(c) Reducing risks and impacts of disasters

(d) Benefits of forests and trees to urban communities

Enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination, including the provision of further guidance to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests [item 8]

A statement was made by the Co-Chair (Israel).

A statement was made by the representative of Switzerland in his capacity as facilitator of the Contact Group on a number of specific preambular and operative paragraphs of the draft resolution of Working Group 1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Co-Chair (Israel) suspended the meeting.

The Co-Chair resumed the meeting.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), New Zealand, Switzerland, the United States, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and Turkey.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Co-Chair (Israel).

9th meeting

Working Group 2

Emerging issues [item 6]

Means of implementation for sustainable forest management [item 9]

Forum Trust Fund [item 10]

A statement was made by the representative of New Zealand (also on behalf of South Africa) as co-facilitator of the Contact Group on the text relating to the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United States as facilitator of the Contact Group on the text relating to the Means of Implementation.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Co-Chair (Croatia).

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand and the United States.

Parallel Working Groups

10th meeting — The summary of the 10th meeting of the parallel Working Groups will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2013/76).

Plenary meeting

13th meeting — The summary of the 13th meeting of the Forum will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2013/76).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Territorial application in respect of Jersey: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (16 April 2013)

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Notification under article 46 (13): Iran (Islamic Republic of) (12 April 2013)

Arms Trade Treaty
(New York, 2 April 2013)

Opening for signature

The Arms Trade Treaty was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 67/234B of 2 April 2013.

In accordance with its article 21, the Treaty shall be open for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York by all States from Monday, 3 June 2013, until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Treaty, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are under preparation. Electronic copies of the Treaty will be made available soon on the United Nations Treaty Collection website (*click here*).

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Treaty could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *April 2013* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Democratic Republic of the Congo

His Excellency Ignace Gata Mavita wa Lufuta

Asia-Pacific States:

Samoa
His Excellency Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia

Eastern European States:

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
His Excellency Pajo Avirovikj

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
His Excellency Camillo Gonsalves

Western European and other States:

France
His Excellency Gérard Araud

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (room S-2472; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258; fax 1 (917) 367-0406).

Web of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council www.un.org/en/sc/.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at https://delegateinfo.un.int. The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

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